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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: USINJC, PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUMS UP PRESENT STATUS OF THE JOINT  
COMMISSION: HALF SPEED AHEAD. END SUMMARY.  
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1. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF  
FULL INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION (USINJC) HAS NOT BROUGHT  
MACHINERY TO COMPLETE HALT. INDIANS SEEM PREPARED TO MOVE  
AHEAD ON SOME PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY SUBCOMMISSIONS IN

THEIR JANUARY-FEBRUARY MEETINGS. OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT U.S. SIDE SHOULD CONTINUE ACTIVE AND FORTHCOMING PARTICIPATION IN USINJC ACTIVITIES BUT SHOULD NOT PRESS INDIANS WHERE THEY DO NOT WANT TO MOVE AHEAD. EFFORT CLEARLY SHOULD BE TWO-WAY STREET.

2. WE ASSUME THAT FORMIN CHAVAN WILL NOT RESCHEDULE HIS WASHINGTON VISIT (AND RELATED FIRST FORMAL MEETING OF USINJC) THIS SPRING. INDIAN EMBASSY (GONSALVES) TELLS US THAT CHAVAN VISIT HAS NOT BEEN DROPPED BY GOI AND QUESTION OF TIMING WILL PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED AFTER CLOSE OF CURRENT

SESSION OF PARLIAMENT AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH UPCOMING DELHI CONSULTATIONS IN MAY OF AMBASSADOR KAUL (FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF THIS). WE REMAIN PREPARED TO DISCUSS RESCHEDULING CHAVAN VISIT WHEN GOI RESPONDS ON THIS.

3. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION. WE ARE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS ON FORMATION OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL (JBC) AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD FIRST JBC MEETING IN NEW DELHI IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. GOI INTENTION SEND INDIAN ENGINEERING PRODUCTS TRADE MISSION TO U.S. LATER THIS YEAR IS ANOTHER POSITIVE STEP. RE TAX TREATY, INDIANS HERE TELL US THAT GOI HAS DROPPED THE BALLON THIS BUT THAT THEY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US WITH PROPOSED NEW DATES FOR WASHINGTON TALKS.

4. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AND WILL TRANSMIT IN NEAR FUTURE REST OF U.S. RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN REVIEW. WE ARE PREPARED TO REVIEW EXPEDITIOUSLY INDIAN RESEARCH PROPOSALS AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED. HOPEFULLY BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY BY TIME OF SCHEDULED MAY 16 MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMEN DR. NAG CHAUDRI AND OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAY. THIS MEETING WILL PROVIDE INFORMAL OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS SUBCOMMISSION'S CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES TO DATE.

5. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION. INDIANS REPORTEDLY WANT TO PROCEED ON PLANNING FOR MAJOR ART EXHIBIT AND ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCHANGE IN MUSEUMS AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY. WE HAVE RESPONDED OR ARE RESPONDING IN POSITIVE MANNER SHORTLY ON PROPOSALS. GENERALLY, PROGRESS TO DATE ON SUBCOMMISSION PROJECTS DEEMED SATISFACTORY. KISSINGER

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